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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

The Applicant's agent, Kraig Haverstick, had a telephone interview with Examiners James Pilkington and Thomas Hannon on December 7, 2006.

There were no exhibits shown or demonstrations exhibited during the telephonic interview.

Claims 1 and 6 were discussed in the interview. Groger *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,832,664), prior art of record, was discussed during the interview.

The Applicant's agent briefly described the invention.

Examiner Pilkington discussed the "distances" of claims 1 and 6 and suggested including arch-loading language in the claims.

The Applicant's agent discussed the Groger patent.

Examiner Hannon stated that his stance is that it is possible for nearest edges to contact upon thermal expansion in Groger such that Groger meets that limitation of the present claims. Applicant's agent stated that this limitation was not taught or suggested by Groger.

Examiner Pilkington stated that he would proceed to issue an office action in response to the filed RCE.

Applicant believes that this statement satisfies the requirements to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview, and accurately represents the substance of the interview conducted. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' agent would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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